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For : POSITIVE DISPLACEMENT SHOE AND SLAT SORTER
APPARATUS AND METHOD

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This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(B)(1) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/968,742, filed on September 28, 2001, which claims priority from provisional application Serial No. 60/236,230, filed on September 28, 2000, and provisional patent application Serial No. 60/278,892, filed on March 26, 2001.

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.

The attached papers are a true copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/968,742 as originally filed on September 28, 2001.

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A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Please enter the amendment before calculating the fee.

Amend the specification as follows:

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After "This application" insert --is a division of application Ser.
No. 09/968,742, filed on Sept. 28, 2001, by Frank W. Veit et al.,
which--.

A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Form is enclosed.

New formal drawings are enclosed.

The prior application is assigned to Rapistan Systems Advertising Corp. of 507 Plymouth Avenue, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505, as recorded at Reel 012699, Frame 0586, on March 14, 2002.

Applicants respectfully request that information cited in the prior parent application, Serial No. 09/968,742, be considered in the present application. A Disclosure Statement is enclosed along with copies of Forms PTO-1449 listing all of the information from the prior parent application.

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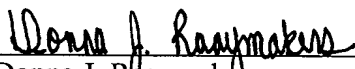
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